

4/25/66

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (88-2013)
JOSEPH GUZZINO, AKA.
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For information of Bureau, Chicago Agents through sources recently ascertained that a group of old-time Chicago Heights, Illinois, hoodlums were participating in large-scale high stakes dice and card games in a pool room located at 259 East 12th Street, Chicago Heights, being operated by JOSEPH GUZZINO and RALPH ECHY. Information was further developed that participation in this gambling activity was restricted to Italian residents of Chicago Heights, all of whom are known to each other.

In view of the fact that this gambling activity appeared to be purely local in nature and Chicago did not have sufficient information upon which to secure a warrant based upon FBI affidavit, the above information was furnished to Chief ARTHUR BILSK, Cook County Sheriff's Police, inasmuch as he had indicated that he was attempting to locate instant gambling operation in this area.

On April 25, 1966, Sergeant [redacted] Cook County Sheriff's Police, advised he had led a raid on the above gambling operation on the preceding night, April 24, 1966, and arrested the following listed individuals, all of whom were charged with gambling:

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JOSEPH GUEZINO

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[REDACTED]
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operated [REDACTED] family. a member of which
testified on behalf of [REDACTED] during

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Illinois. [REDACTED] FRANK LA PORTE
and [REDACTED] Calumet
City, Illinois.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] Mayor MARINO SIKORUS, Chicago
Heights, Illinois.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Chicago Heights City Attorney
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
Chicago Heights, Illinois. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
FRANK LA PORTE

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it is to be noted the above gambling raid received excellent news coverage and the fact that the raid was initiated upon information furnished by the has been widely reported by the various news media

Nab Syndicate Gangster Beneath The Bedsprings

The case of the gangster un-
der the bed was reported Mon-
day by sheriff's police.

Flushed from beneath
bedsprings and arrested
Joe Guzzino, 33, tabbed
technique as a crime-syndi-
cate boss in
Chicago Heights.

He was caught by
Sgt. Michael O'Mara
investigation in
the door of a gambling
den and coded under the bed
of Mrs. Ann Ross, 45,
in Chicago Heights.

18 Are Charged

Along the way, 18
arrested 18 gangsters
and gangster boss. All were
charged with gambling.

O'Mara, 35, and Mrs. Ross and
her family were considered
able opposition.

O'Mara said the case opened
a week ago when agents of
the Federal Bureau of Investi-
gation reported that Guzzino
was running high-stakes dice

and card games in a poolroom
below Mrs. Ross' flat at 259
E. 210 Chicago Heights.

The FBI found that he gam-
bled was operated by zino
alph and both sides
of Cosa Nostra chief
La Porte, O'Mara
are

Chicago police
on Monday
O'Mara
Mrs. Ross, 45, and police
men and women to search them
and find out if they were
the police Guzzino had been
up.

Then her mother, Josephine
Ross, 67, a widow on a second floor
apartment and three daughters
were also arrested coming into
the house.

The only casualty was Mrs.
William Waldron, 40, who died on the
way to jail.

Detectives charged the Ross
apartment to find Guzzino and
the one that was reported that
Guzzino was running high-stakes dice

there, trap shooters, crawling
under a pile of clothing in a
closet.

The other gamblers, O'Mara
said, milled in the kitchen,
and just stopped in
to see Ross. One of the
men arrested in his flat he
identified himself as the
nephew of Mayor Maunio
Chicago Heights, police

charged Ross with
battery for throw-
ing the men out. Det. Waldron
Mrs. Ross was charged with
disobeying court order.

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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Informant advised on April 25, 1966, [redacted]

[redacted] Forsythe Billiards, 4810 Indianapolis Boulevard, East Chicago, Indiana. He stated that previously JOE GUKKINO, an old time CAPONE mobster and the [redacted] frequented the establishment. He last recalls seeing GUKKINO on approximately the first of April when he came into the building and just "sat around." GUKKINO did not appear to have any interest in the activities of the other individuals at the tables and informant was surprised to see how old and dissipated GUKKINO appeared. Later he observed GUKKINO playing gin rummy with a couple of other real old gentlemen. The stakes appeared very small and JOE appeared not to have any financial interest in the other games being operated. At this time GUKKINO told him that he did most of his gambling at Rosci's Pool Room on 12nd Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois. Informant stated that some of GUKKINO's friends [redacted] GUKKINO had had a heart attack a short time ago and that he was gradually recuperating.

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Informant advised that in the past GUKKINO and [redacted] Forsythe Billiards [redacted] barbooth game in Cicero, Illinois. [redacted] 25% of the game and cut the outfit in for an unknown part of this game. Because of FBI activity this game, which supposedly was [redacted] has been closed on several occasions. Informant heard that GUKKINO is contemplating the reopening of the Cicero game and assumes that he will take [redacted]

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It should be noted that on April 25, 1966, Sergeant MICHAEL O'MARA, Cook County Sheriff's Police, advised that based on the information previously furnished by the FBI he conducted a gambling raid on Rosci's pool room in Chicago Heights and arrested 20 people including JOE GUKKINO. He confiscated approximately \$3,600 in cash and seized \$400 worth of property that was used in gambling.

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Informant [REDACTED]
with RALPH EMERY, who continues to operate the Regal
Vending Company at Chicago Heights, Illinois. EMERY
stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JOE ROSSI'S pool room
in Chicago Heights. EMERY [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
those arrested at the gambling raid that the FBI had furnished
the information regarding the gambling. The gamblers assumed
that the FBI gave the Sheriff's Office the gambling information
because they had allowed the bank to be robbed. EMERY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JOE GUZZINO, who was arrested
at the gambling raid suffered a heart attack when he attempted
to evade arrest by crawling under a bed in [REDACTED] apartment.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No **92-2012**
Form CG 7

100 Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604
June 22, 1966

Office of Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
Springfield, Illinois

Attention: Auto File Section

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, registration information is requested of your office concerning the Illinois license number(s) listed in space provided below.

Space is provided on the lower half of this letter for desired information which may be available in your files, date on which your records were checked, and name of employee making the check. Please return our letter, furnishing available information, in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
M. W. JOHNSON
Special Agent in Charge

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Year	License #	Registered Owner	Address	Make, Model & Year of Car	Motor Number
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62706

June 27, 1966

Federal Bureau of Investigation
219 South Dearborn Street
Room 905
Chicago, Illinois

Attention: M.W. Johnson

Re: 1966 License [redacted]
Your File No. 92-2012

Gentlemen:

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1966 License [redacted] was issued to [redacted]
[redacted] Illinois,
covering a 1966 Oldsmobile, Cutlass Coupe, Serial No.
[redacted]

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Powell".

PAUL POWELL
SECRETARY OF STATE

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 7/28/66	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/2 - 7/22/66
TITLE OF CASE JOSEPH GUZZINO		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY MLB
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REFERENCES: Chicago airtel to Director dated 4/25/66.
 Chicago report of SA dated 4/29/66.
 Indianapolis letter to Chicago dated 5/20/66.
 Chicago letter to Springfield dated 6/22/66.

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ENCLOSURES

TO THE BUREAU (2)

Enclosed for the Bureau are 2 copies of a letterhead memorandum regarding the characterization of informants.

LEADCHICAGO**AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to investigate**Case has been Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☒ No, Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

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SPECIAL AGENT
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and report the activities and background of the subject.

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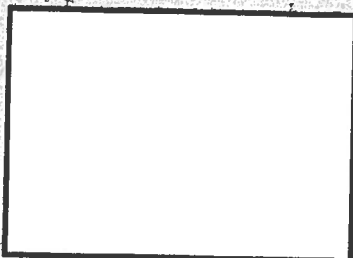
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of:

Date:

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Office:

Chicago

Field Office File #

92-1012

Bureau File #

92-5947

Title:

JOSEPH GOZZINO

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject, following his arrest for gambling in Chicago Heights, has been charged with syndicated gambling by local authorities. He claims to have suffered a slight heart attack following his arrest. Subject continues to operate the Mahars Restaurant and the 3 O'clock Club, Calumet City, Illinois. He has been observed with FRANK LA FORTA on several occasions in recent past and has stated to source he is no longer gambling in Chicago, Illinois.

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DETAILS.

[REDACTED] A review of the arrest made by Sergeant [REDACTED] Cook County Sheriff's Police on April 24, 1986, at 259 East 22nd Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, shows the following known background on the listed individuals

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JOSEPH GUZZINO

Well known Calumet City; Hammond and Cicero, Illinois, gambler.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The firm, which is operated by the [REDACTED] has long been associated with organized crime elements in Cook County; and [REDACTED] JOE COSTELLO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] De Costa's Liquors Chicago Heights Illinois. [REDACTED] FRANK LA RITE and [REDACTED] in the Park Inn Liquors Chicago Heights Illinois.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and associate of known burglars.

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[REDACTED]
A [REDACTED] Mayor MARINO RICHTON Chicago, Heights, Illinois.

[REDACTED] Chicago Heights Illinois City Attorney
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Illinois. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FRANK LA PORTE.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] mentioned above.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Chicago Heights, and associates of [REDACTED] element.

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Sergeant O'HARA advised the the subject was located on the second floor of the poolroom and claimed to have suffered a slight heart attack following his arrest. Sergeant O'HARA advised that he was given medical treatment and he does not know the results of the treatment. Sergeant O'HARA advised that the owner JOE MOSSI had complained to the Chicago Heights Police Department and obtained an arrest warrant for one of the arresting officers for assault and battery. He advised that the Cook County State's Attorney's Office had appeared in local court on the basis of the warrant, failed to present any evidence or call [REDACTED] to the stand and the judge dismissed the complaint and warrant.

A Chicago Heights Star by-weekly newspaper contained in its April 25, 1966 edition an article which reads in part as follows:

"Nab Syndicate Gangster Beneath the Bedsprings. Flushed from beneath the bedsprings and arrested was Joe Gazzino, 67, tabbed by detectives as a crime-syndicate gambling boss in Chicago Heights."

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[redacted] advised on May 12, 1966, [redacted] Persythe Billiards, 4618 Indianapolis Boulevard, East Chicago, Indiana. He stated that in months past JOE GUZZINO, an old time CAPONE mobster, frequented the establishment. He last recalls seeing GUZZINO on approximately the first of April when he came into the building and just "sat around". GUZZINO did not appear to have any interest in the activities of the other individuals at the gambling tables, and the informant advised that he was very much surprised to see how old and dissipated GUZZINO appeared. Later he observed GUZZINO playing gin rummy with some other old gentleman. The stakes appeared very small, and JOE did not appear to have very much interest in the other games being operated. At this time GUZZINO [redacted]

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The informant advised that in the past GUZZINO and [redacted] Cicero, Illinois. [redacted] 25% of the game and cut the "outfit" in for unknown percentage of the operation. The informant stated that GUZZINO is a general conversation indicated [redacted] in Cicero, Illinois.

Chief CASIMIR LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City Police Department, advised on July 6, 1966, that the subject continues to operate the Ebers Restaurant on Wentworth Avenue, and the 6 O'clock Club on 190th Street. Chief LINKIEWICZ advised the subject's Cadillac is usually found at his home at 1085 Wentworth Avenue, the restaurant, or the 6 O'clock Club at any given period of the day. He advised that the subject is always at the Ebers Restaurant from approximately midnight till 2:00 AM, and usually drives the two waitresses home when the restaurant closes.

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[redacted] advised that the subject's [redacted] Four Aces, recreation gambling joint in Hammond [redacted] Kline Avenue and the Expressway in Gary, Indiana. Informant indicated that [redacted] Gary prostitute and that GUEZZINO has her working in the Gary, Indiana area.

[redacted] advised on June 25, 1968, that he has learned that [redacted] is supposed to be purchasing a restaurant in the Hammond, Indiana area. He assumes that this will probably be converted into a gambling house or house of prostitution. Informant indicated that he would continue to attempt to locate the exact address for GUEZZINO's many business ventures.

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[redacted] advised on June 3, 1968, that he recently has observed JOE GUEZZINO in Chicago Heights, Illinois. He is frequently seen in the Cooperative Music Company, and on occasion, has been observed having lunch with FRANK LA PORTE at the Dixie Governors Hotel Coffee Shop. It is the informant's personal opinion that GUEZZINO has taken over the gambling for LA PORTE since LA PORTE's [redacted] has left the area. Informant advised that [redacted] associate of the subject, who won \$8,000 in an unknown crap game in Indiana. The informant believes that the subject has frequently backed [redacted] in much of his gambling activities.

[redacted] were arrested by the FBI on June 2, 1968 for violation of the Federal Statute dealing with ITAR - GAMBLING.

Chicago, Illinois
July 20, 1968

JOSEPH GULLINO
ANTI RACKETEERING

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

Chicago [redacted] is an individual who has a wide knowledge of gambling activities in Southern Cook County, Illinois.

Chicago [redacted] is the Gary, Indiana area.

Chicago [redacted] is an individual who gambles in various locations in Cook County.

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JOSEPH GUILZINO
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Informant of the Chicago Office advised that the subject was recently admitted to the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. The reason for the visit is unknown to the informant. Review of the subject's file discloses that he has visited the Clinic on past occasions.

Minneapolis requested to contact established sources and determine subject's date of admittance and other pertinent information.

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